

ACSA E-NEWS

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SNOWMOBILE SEASON COUNTDOWN

There's a Light at the End of the Tunnel

From our friends north of the border...
but it applies to all of us!



Fall is getting closer - and so is snowmobile season.



INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE HALL OF FAME

Class of 2026 Induction Weekend

The International Snowmobile Hall of Fame will hold the 37th Annual Induction Ceremony in Eagle River, Wisconsin, September 18 - 20, 2026. The weekend will celebrate and honor the new inductees, including volunteers, manufacturers/inventors, Club, Dealer and Groomer of the Year.

VOLUNTEERS & CLUB ORGANIZERS

Fred Bailey - Montana
Greg and Diane Hiles - South Dakota
Mike and Cheryl Clevenger - Minnesota
Lowell and Ila Morton - Pennsylvania

2026 HONOREES

Manufacturer/Inventor
José Boisjoli - Bombardier Recreational Products

Club of the Year
Driftrunners Snowmobile Club - Cresco, Iowa

International Groomer of the Year

Larry Traxler - Corbett, Oregon

Congratulations to all - and many thanks for all that you do for snowmobiling!

Show your support in person for the newly inducted Hall of Fame Class of 2026. Registration is due before September 8.

PUBLIC LANDS

Wilderness Policy Review

Although the notice was officially released in early June, it came to light this week that the Department of Interior - including BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service - announced a Nationwide Review of Rock Climbing Management and Wilderness Study Area Policies.

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and nine colleagues sent a letter to the Department of Interior strongly opposing the Wilderness Management Policy Review. They fear it may threaten the wilderness character of public lands and disqualify lands for future designation by Congress, placing nearly 200 million acres of public land at risk.

The senators argue the review could undermine Congress' role in wilderness management.

Heinrich was joined by Senators Adam Schiff, Alex Padilla, John Hickenlooper, Michael Bennet, Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley, Catherine Cortez Masto, Ben Ray Lujan and Jacky Rosen.

Comments may be submitted through Regulations.gov under docket BLM-2026-0069. The National Park Service review is under NPS-2026-0100, and the Fish and Wildlife Service review is under FWS-HQ-NWRS-2026-2575.



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Fighting Wildfires

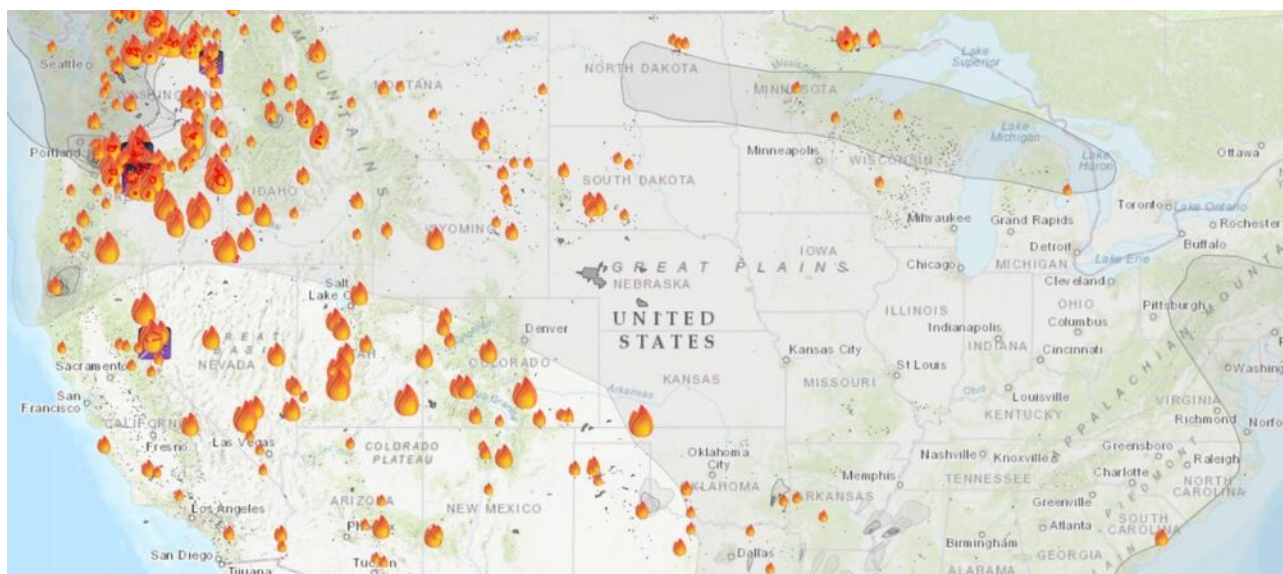
Utah has spent an estimated \$33 million fighting wildfires this year, putting the state on track to outspend last year's record total. Inflation is partly to blame, but officials also point to the size of this year's fires, their encroachment on communities, and intense heat, drought and wind.

“We’re not out of the woods yet.”

- Wade Snyder, Utah deputy state fire management officer

The estimated \$33 million spent so far is expected to grow before the end of fire season.

Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment Michael Boren, who oversees the U.S. Forest Service, asked agency staff last month to escalate the number of aircraft at a 7-acre fire near his ranch in Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest, according to two Forest Service officials familiar with the matter.



Map of fires as of August 14



FOREST & WOOD PRODUCTS

Hardwood Industry's Future?

Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA), chair of the House Agriculture Committee, says he is very concerned about the American hardwood industry but hopeful that policy changes - especially increased federal usage - can help bolster its future.

Thompson discussed legislative plans to increase hardwood use by the Department of War and in federal buildings, as well as the potential for increased hardwood lumber exports to China.

“If we lose sawmills, we lose our ability to manage forests.”
- Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson

Thompson also discussed phasing out imported wood in military truck trailer flooring. The U.S. Army has long used Keruing in trailer floors. The 2025 National Defense Authorization Act began the pivot toward Red Oak, and Thompson said a full switch was close.

President Donald Trump has announced plans for a U.S.-China Board of Trade to manage commerce across non-sensitive goods. Thompson acknowledged trade negotiations look chaotic, but said he believes a mutually beneficial long-term deal for hardwood lumber could be reached.

FOREST SERVICE

Secure Rural Schools Advisory Committees

The Forest Service is seeking nominations for Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees. Committee members recommend projects consistent with Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act.

PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE	COMMITTEE DETAILS
• Watershed restoration • Road maintenance • Forest health projects • Habitat improvement • Other activities that benefit forest ecosystems and local communities	84 committees More than 700 counties 15 members per committee 4-year terms Members serve without compensation; travel reimbursement may be available

Nominees must live in the state where the committee has jurisdiction, identify the interest group they represent, outline their qualifications and submit a completed AD-755 form. Nomination packages are due in early November at SM.FS.SRSInbox@usda.gov.

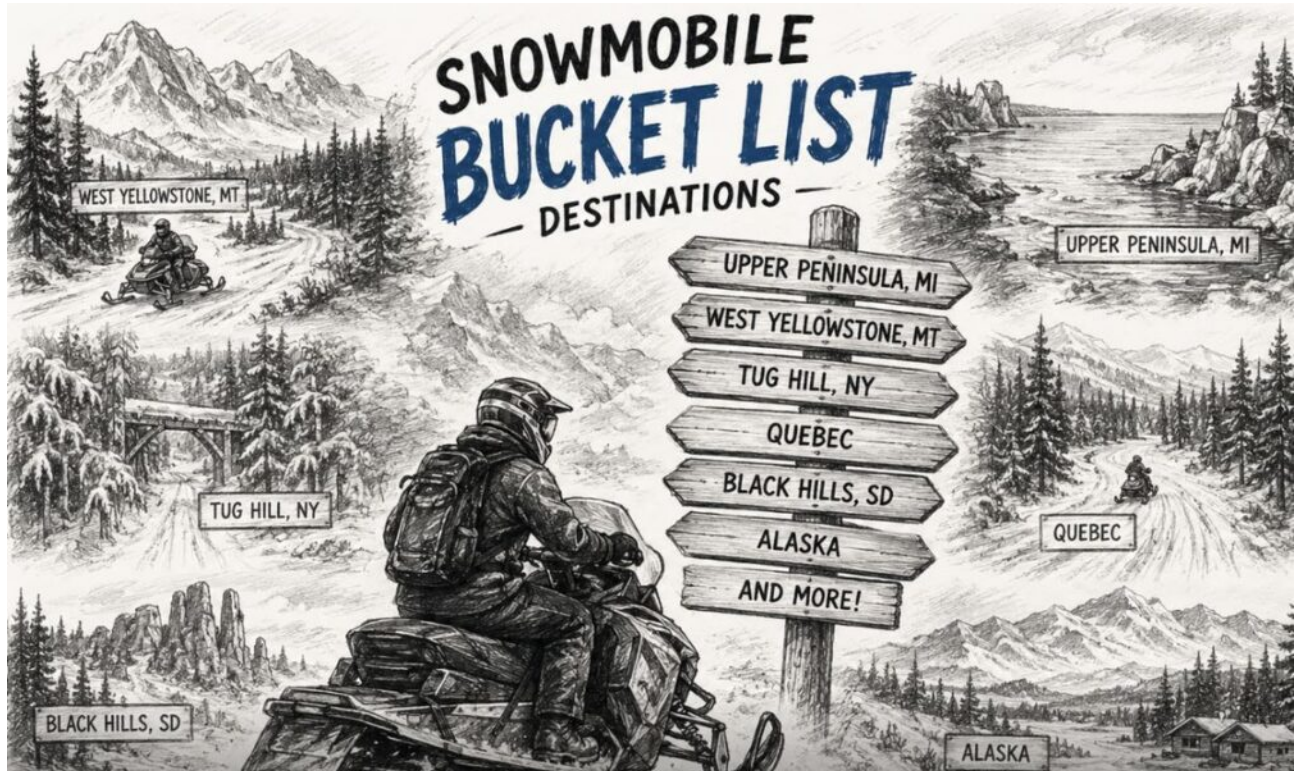
Local expertise can have a direct voice in Forest Service project decisions.



GET THE JUICES FLOWING!!

Start Planning the Snowmobile Bucket List

Nothing like scanning SnowGoer's Bucket List for Snowmobilers on a sunny hot August day! But we all know - it's never too early to start thinking...and planning!!



If you haven't seen the Bucket List, you don't know what you're missing!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / NOTE
August 25	New York Board Meeting	Online
August 30	Nebraska General Membership Meeting	Norfolk, NE
September 1	POLARIS TRAIL GRANTS	Deadline
September 14	ISMA Club Grant	Deadline
September 18 - 20	International Snowmobile Hall of Fame	Eagle River, WI
September 19	Wyoming Board Meeting	Dubois
September 23	Michigan Board Meeting	Zoom
October 2 - 3	Big East Power Show / NYSSA Board Meeting	Syracuse
October 3	Montana Board Meeting	Helena
October 5	ISMA Grant Applications	Deadline
October 23 - 25	Minnesota Fall Workshop	Alexandria
October 23 - 25	Wisconsin Fall Workshop	Manitowoc
November 6 - 8	Illinois Convention	Galena
November 6 - 8	Novi Snow Show	
November 20 - 22	Iowa Convention	Clear Lake
November 20 - 22	Nebraska Convention	Kearney
December 3 - 5	South Dakota Convention	Aberdeen

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